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TO: PARIS.

FROM: PCS/LOC INFO C/EUR, C/E/F, E/A

SUBJECT: WNINTEL - HSCA STAFFER, BRADY INTERVIEW WITH THOMAS B. CASASIN

REF: PARIS 90872 1097004

1. 17 AUGUST AT 1000 HOURS FOR INTERVIEW WITH CASASIN IS ACCEPTABLE TO MS. BRADY. SHE HAS BEEN PROVIDED MR. JETON'S PHONE NUMBER FOR INITIAL CONTACT.

2. PLEASE ADVISE CASASIN FOLLOWING GROUND RULES FOR INTERVIEW:

A. HE IS NOT OBLIGATED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS WHICH HE CONSIDERS SELF INCRIMINATING. HE IS ENTITLED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF HIS CHOICE DURING INTERVIEW BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO PERSONALLY BEAR ANY EXPENSE IN DOING SO. LEGAL REPRESENTATION CAN BE PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES- THOUGH JUSTICE MAKES THE FINAL DETERMINATION WHETHER TO DO SO. SUCH INSTANCES HAVE BEEN QUITE INFREQUENT TO DATE.

B. CASASIN IS RELIEVED OF OBLIGATIONS OF CIA SECRECY AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING HSCA CLASSIFIED INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTIONS. HSCA CHARTER IS LIMITED TO ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. BELIEVE HSCA INTEREST IN CASASIN WILL BE FOCUSSED ON 1955-1960 PERIOD WHEN CASASIN IN TOKYO (OSWALD WAS MARINE RADAR OPERATOR ATSUGI LATE 50'S) AND 1960-62 PERIOD WHEN CASASIN WAS CHIEF SE DIVISION BRANCH SIX.

C. HSCA HAS BEEN BRIEFED IN GENERAL TERMS ON AEOCEAN/3 CASE, BUT BY AGREEMENT WITH HSCA WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT IDENTIFY AEOCIAN/3 BY TRUE NAME, NOR INQUIE ABOUT THAT CASE.

D. CASASIN SHOULD RESPOND FORTHRIGHTLY AND HONESTLY

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TO QUESTIONS POSED. PLEASE AVOID SPECULATION WHICH MIGHT BE MISCONSTRUED AS FACT. IF ANSWER TO QUESTION IS NOT RECALLED OR UNKNOWN IT BETTER TO SO STATE THAN CONJECTURE.

E. THE DCI'S OBLIGATION TO PROTECT SOURCES AND METHODS OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF HSCA INVESTIGATION REMAINS A STATUATORY RESPONSIBILITY. IF RELEVANCE OF A QUESTION APPEARS DOUBTFUL TO CASASIN AND TO INVOLVE SOURCES AND METHODS OUTSIDE THE HSCA MANDATE, HE SHOULD NOT REFUSE TO ANSWER ON GROUNDS OF IRRELEVANCE (SINCE HSCA IS SOLE JUDGE OF RELEVANCE) BUT TELL INTERVIEWER HE WISHES DEFER RESPONDING UNTIL HE CAN CONSULT WITH HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE CABLE QUESTION AND PROPOSED ANSWER IMMEDIATE NIACT FOR HQS APPROVAL AND/OR COMMENTS.

3. HSCA INVESTIGATOR WILL SHOW CASASIN LETTER FROM DDCI TO HSCA CHAIRMAN, AGREEING TO WAIVER OF SECRECY AGREEMENT FOR PURPOSE INVESTIGATION KENNEDY AND KING ASSASSINATIONS.

4. IF CASASIN SHOULD PREFER THAT HIS TRUE NAME NOT BE RECORDED IN MS. BRADY'S REPORT, HE MAY SO REQUEST.

5. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN INTERVIEW COMPLETED AND ANY DIFFICULTIES OR PROBLEMS WHICH MAY HAVE ARISEN.

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